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BOMBAY ACT No. LXIX OF 1954 [1]

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An Act to amend the Coroners Act, 1871, in its application to the State of Bombay.

IV of 1871. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Coroners Act, 1871, in its application to the State of Bombay, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted in the Fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1 This Act may be called the Coroners (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1954. Short title.

IV of 1871. 2. In section 8 of the Coroners Act, 1871, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in sub-section (*2*), for the words "the Coroner shall" the words "the Coroner may" shall be substituted. Amendment of section 8 of Act IV of 1871.

3. After section 8 of the said Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :— Insertion of new section 8A in Act IV of 1871.

"8A. Where the Coroner has reason to believe that death has occurred within his jurisdiction in any of the circumstances mentioned in section 8 or 9 and that owing to the destruction of the body, or disposal thereof in contravention of any law for the time being in force, or to the fact that the body is lying in a place from which it cannot be recovered, an inquest cannot be held except by virtue of the provisions of this section, he may report the facts to the State Government and the State Government may, if it considers it desirable so to do, direct an inquest to be held touching the death. When such direction is given, an inquest shall be held accordingly by the Coroner and the provisions of this Act shall apply with such modifications as may be necessary in consequence of the inquest being held otherwise than on or after view of the body." Inquest where body destroyed or irrecoverable.

4. After section 18 of the said Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :— Insertion of new section 18A in Act IV of 1871.

"18A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Coroner may, at any stage of the proceedings under this Act for the purposes of preservation or safe custody, order the removal of the body to any place within his jurisdiction which may have been provided for that purpose." Power to order removal of body for preservation or safe custody.

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[1] For Statement of Objects and Reasons, *see Bombay Government Gazette*, Part V, p. 243.